

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides an animal cell expressing a gene coding a ligand-responsive transcription control factor and securely maintaining a DNA comprising in a molecule, the following genes (a) and (b): (a) a reporter gene connected downstream from a transcription control region, in which said transcription control region substantially consists of a recognition sequence of said ligand-responsive transcription control factor and a minimum promoter which can function in said cell; and (b) a selective marker gene which can function in said cell; provided that the following gene (c): (c) a reporter gene connected downstream from a promoter which transcription activity is unchanged by having said responsive transcription control factor contacted with a ligand of said ligand-responsive transcription control factor, said reporter gene (c) coding a protein which can be differentiated from the protein coded by said gene (a) is not present in said cell and the like. The cell in the present invention is a cryopreservable cell which can be used to measure the action of a chemical substance over the transcription control ability of a ligand-responsive transcription control factor.